

MASCOTS TABOO ON BATTLESHIPS OF BIG FLEET

Uncle Sam's Sea Warriors No
Longer Floating Zoos of
Mascotitis Days.

REASONS FOR CHANGE.

Heavy Gun Firing Fatal to Pets
and There Are Only
Few Left Now.

The United States Navy is recovering from a severe case of mascotitis. Mascotitis is an overabundance of dogs, cats, roosters, kangaroos, goats, parrots or other beasts and birds of terra firma which have been taken from their native haunts and housed on ships as talismans for sailors aboard ships of war.

The startling discovery was made by an Evening World reporter that mascots are on the decline in Uncle Sam's floating forts. Of all the battleships that swing at their moorings in the North River not half of them possess mascots.

HEAVY GUN PRACTICE ENDS MANY MASCOTS.

The jolly tars who man the battleships in the Hudson are not at all pleased by the turn of events, but aboard many ships the edict has gone forth that mascots are taboo, and taboo they are. In some cases the commanders of the ships are opposed to mascots on the ground that they are a nuisance. On other ships the surgeon objects, claiming that dogs and cats and such like creatures are breeders and carriers of disease. But the chief reason for the passing of the sailors' pets is that the terrific concussion aboard the big boats during target practice is fatal to mascots. They will tell you of the mascot which was at the firing of a thirteen-inch gun the pet dog was turned over on his back and shut his eyes forever.

But there are mascots still. Often down between decks, in a quiet corner seldom visited by officers, the men have secreted a cat or a dog on which to lavish affection. On ships where mascots are taboo or where the mascot has recently died the men find solace in the didoes of the ship's jester, who corresponds to the village croup of terra firma.

The Connecticut, flagship of Rear-Admiral Oysterhaus, which lies off Seventy-second street, is one of the menhoppers of destruction that is minus a mascot. Only the merry "Woo Woo" on the flagship.

When the Evening World reporter and artist clambered aboard the Connecticut and asked for the mascot a brawny brute in blue said the only mascot they had was a Woo Woo bird. The Woo Woo bird was brought forth and proved to be Seaman F. G. McComb, the merry jester and sweet singer of the ship. McComb takes great pride in being known as the ship's mascot. He will sing on the slightest provocation, and his barber shop minor would sweeten the heart of a dill pickle. Seaman Lipstein, known as "Lippy," is McComb's able lieutenant in fun making, but despite the efforts of this capable pair the men of the flagship bemoan the taboo on mascots.

Over on the Michigan, however, the men have two mascots in the shape of a Boston bull and an English bull. The English bull, which is the property of Ensign Barth, is a white dog mascot, might term pretty or even fair looking. But to be absolutely truthful the bull is so anti-pretty that a savage look from his scrawled face would make a steam roller start back in terror. Between the two dogs and Seaman J. G. Paulhaber, the end man of the ship's minstrel troupe, the men of the Michigan are amply supplied with mascots. Seaman W. J. Hagmayer, the champion buck and wing dancer of the Atlantic fleet, is also one of the cherished treasures of this big ship.

LOST THEIR MASCOT AND ARE YET MOURNING.

Aboard the North Dakota the mention of the word mascot brings pain to the hearts of a few hundred deep sea warriors. For Zip, the white dog mascot of the ship is no more. He was lost at Norfolk a short time ago and the men have not had the heart to replace him with another. Even the efforts of "Doodle" Lazarus, the ship's cut-up, cannot make them forget poor Zip.

Where's the mascot? was the inquiry made aboard the Louisiana, and two able-bodied seamen led the questioners down between decks and to the boat's locker. The boat's locker is a workroom about four feet by four feet in size, and in this packing-box compartment was an able-bodied goat. Sweet scented breezes from Arabia's shores were not in it with the atmosphere in that selfsame boat's locker. The goat did not seem to mind the cramped condition of the locker in the least. In fact he had been a cat would have purled in comfort.

"Billy Butte" is the goat's name and "Billy Butte" he is said, is the feline, sacred goat, the goat of good luck and the pet of every man-boat aboard the Louisiana. Coxswain N. T. Nightingale is the official goatkeeper, and he is as proud of this goat as though he were the sword saint or knight of

Mascots Which the Taboo Hasn't Reached

ONE OF THE VERMONT
MASCOTS.



that bed chamber to the greatest ruler on earth. He admits that in the close quarters of the boat's locker the goat does become powerfully odorous at times, but he argues that a man can get used to almost anything in this world.

HAVE BOSTON TERRIER AND FLATBUSH CAT LEFT.

Off the foot of Ninety-ninth street lies the Vermont and aboard her are two mascots to bring good luck to her crew. Chief Bos'n's Mate Garrison Payne proudly produced the sacred mascots for inspection. One is a Boston terrier and the other a cat of the ordinary Flatbush variety. There is nothing extraordinary about either of these quadrupeds beyond the fact that they are sincerely revered by all the enlisted men aboard the huge warship. But Chief Bos'n's Mate Payne will tell you that they are the most wonderful animals in all the world and he will lay great stress on the fact that they sleep together and never scratch, bite, spit or quarrel.

Aboard the Ohio is the biggest mascot in the fleet. The beast of good omen is none other than a huge black bear, with shaggy coat and cold-tipped nose, who like nothing better than to playfully paw a sailorman or give a backhander that sends his human admirer scrambling in the scupper.

On the Ohio has a half dozen names. Some call him Teddy, others call him Sam. This does not worry the bear in the slightest. He is so obliging that he will answer to any name. The men of the Ohio are proud of their bear and look condescendingly upon their brethren of the anti-mascot ships and those who rave over the merits of a mere pup or cat of unsettled species.

MUST TURN TO AUTOMATON FOR SAILING MASCOT.

But the men of the other ships, tired of the supercilious air of the Ohio brethren, say to wait until the Wisconsin arrives with her mascot kangaroo. This kangaroo they say is the greatest mascot that the American navy has ever possessed. It will don boxing gloves and make the ship's champion slugger look like a babe in arms in the presence of Jack Johnson.

Mascots give a human touch to the great inhuman leviathans, but they are rapidly going, and the only hope is mechanical. Some mechanical genius in the navy may invent a mechanical lapdog, a nephth dachshund or a steam kangaroo, and then the ship's commanders may cease to protest, the ship's surgeon may preach of animal-carried disease and the big guns may roar their loudest and the steam kangaroo and nephth dachshund will but whistle like peanut stands in self-complacency and joy.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Nephew of Republican Leader

Also Accused of Petty Larceny.
Emanuel Krulowitz, twenty-four years old, a son of Isaac Krulowitz, a wealthy real estate dealer of No. 6 East One Hundred and Tenth street, and a nephew of Samuel Krulowitz, the Republican leader of the Twenty-eighth Assembly District, was arrested here yesterday by the police on charges of forgery and petty larceny. He was held without bail for forty-eight hours on the forgery charge and under a \$500 bond on the petty larceny charge. The detectives who arrested the young man said there was a string of forged checks against him. The specific complaint offered was made by Edward Davis, a printer, of No. 124 Third avenue. He charged that Krulowitz gave him a check for \$10 on the State Bank, bearing the spurious signature of his uncle, Samuel Krulowitz. The petty larceny complaint was made by Edward Lyons, a Third avenue expressman, who said he had been extorted out of \$5 by means of a worthless check. None of the young man's relatives appeared in court at the time of his arraignment.

BAYONNE BOY VANISHES.

Mother Believes 14-Year-Old Lad
Has Committed Suicide.

The police of Bayonne, N. J., and the officials of Hudson County are hunting to-day for John Whelan, fourteen years old, who disappeared two weeks ago after being released from Laurel Hill, the County Hospital at Snake Hill, N. J. The boy's mother believes he has committed suicide. Whelan lived at No. 61 Avenue E, Bayonne. He had been a patient at Laurel Hill for a month, suffering from an affection of the ear. He had formerly been a patient at the Metropolitan and Seaton Hospitals, New York.

He was released from Laurel Hill Oct. 6, taken to the elevated trolley station near the John Whelan, fourteen years old, who disappeared two weeks ago after being released from Laurel Hill, the County Hospital at Snake Hill, N. J. The boy's mother believes he has committed suicide. Whelan lived at No. 61 Avenue E, Bayonne. He had been a patient at Laurel Hill for a month, suffering from an affection of the ear. He had formerly been a patient at the Metropolitan and Seaton Hospitals, New York.

POISON IN CAPSULE TO LEAVE NO TRACE OF GIRL'S MURDER

(Continued from First Page.)

District-Attorney ordered the Medical Examiner to make the examination during the night.

Here is Richeson's story, as he has told it several times to his intimate friends and counsel:

"It is true that at one time Avis Linnell and I were engaged to be married."

"There was a time when I thought no girl in the world could compare with her. And I eagerly looked forward to the time I could make her my wife."

"But trouble I had not dreamed of arose. It was nothing I could have prevented. Avis's mind concerning her ambitions for the future underwent a change. She wanted to become an opera singer instead of passing her time in a paragon as the wife of a small church. And that is the cause of our broken engagement."

"Avis had a voice that was naturally sweet and rich. Friends frequently admired it. Many times they urged her to come to Boston and have her voice cultivated at the Conservatory of Music."

AVIS PREFERRED A CAREER IN
OPERA TO MARRIAGE.

"At last she acted on their advice. I had absolutely nothing to do with her taking up her residence in Boston. Our engagement was broken some months before, when she informed me that she was going to Boston to study for a career in opera."

"I did not call off our engagement. That action was taken by Avis herself. And when it becomes necessary I shall produce three witnesses who can bear me out in this. They knew all about our match falling through, and they will tell the reason, just as I have given it."

"Miss Edmonds is fully acquainted with the part that Miss Linnell played in my life. I told her how we had kept company and how the engagement was broken. She has no time to do I endeavor to conceal from her the existence of Avis."

TOLD MISS EDMONDS ALL
ABOUT AVIS, HE SAYS.

"And I feel that the complete confidence that Miss Edmonds and her father placed in me, in large measure, due to the fact that I was frank with her from the first. That is, I told her how I had been engaged to Avis and how the latter had broken the engagement."

"From the first Miss Edmonds believed and trusted in me. She knew that I was telling the truth."

"For months I had hardly a passing acquaintance with Avis Linnell. Therefore I could not have played the intimate part in her affairs that I have been pictured as doing. Since Avis cancelled our engagement last winter I have seen her but seldom, and she has never been to my home."

"It is true I called at the Linnell house last summer while spending my vacation at Hyannis, but I called merely as a former pastor would drop in on some of his old-time parishioners."

"I called on many other families in Hyannis. I showed them as much, and in some instances more, attention than I gave the Linnells. It would be just as truthful to say I was keeping company with members of every one of these families as to say that I paid serious attention to Avis during my summer visit."

GAVE BACK HIS RING AND
ENDED ENGAGEMENT.

"The diamond ring that I had given to Avis as a token of our engagement was returned to me by her. I did not ask her for it. At the meeting when she called our engagement off Avis removed the ring from her finger and insisted that I should take it."

"I have letters written to me by

the police evidence, which looks so black and damning, at every point, at least as it can be legally introduced as evidence.

"Understand," said Robert Burns today, "we are not concerning ourselves with hearsay evidence. We are concerning ourselves only with what the police claim to be facts. They cannot introduce as evidence at a trial conversations held by Avis Linnell with anybody, unless the defendant was present when those conversations took place."

"That legal rule will eliminate much that has been given out as seemingly important in this case, much that has gone to strengthen the impressions of guilt in the public mind, especially as the defendant chose to keep silence. It can be stated that the defense confidently expects to prove an alibi, if they choose to make an alibi their line of defense. They are said to be able to account for every moment of Richeson's time from before the day on which William Hahn alleged he sold the pastor cyanide of potassium until his arrest. They can prove, it is claimed, the minister did not see Avis Linnell in that time."

"They are not going to deny, however, that he did not speak to her over the telephone in that time, nor that he had not seen and talked with her some two weeks before her death. They are content only for the pastor's time during the days that are important in this case."

Embarrassed by the notoriety her visit to Boston to be close to her accused brother had occasioned, Miss Russell Richeson, who arrived from Saranac Lake, N. Y., with her companion, Miss Andrews, last Saturday, has sought absolute seclusion at the Parker House.

Yesterday she was joined by her venerable father, T. V. Richeson, who arrived from the Richeson homestead in Amherst, Va. He, too, secluded himself from visitors.

FALLS DOWN CHIMNEY
PLAYING SANTA CLAUS.
Boy Spent Twelve Hours at Bottom Before Bricks Were Torn Away.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Oct. 25.—While playing Santa Claus with several other children, five-year-old Erland Nilson climbed to the roof of his home and stepped into the chimney.

The other children waited a while for him to appear at the fireplace and then turned to some other game and forgot about him. Erland, who had fallen forty feet to the cellar, remained in the chimney nearly twelve hours before his cries were heard.

And it was found necessary to send for a mason and remove a number of bricks from the base of the chimney. He was uninjured.

TIED UP THE U. S. MAIL
BY ATTACHING HORSES.
Creditors of Contractor Paralyze Postal Service at Bridgeport by Legal Wit.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Oct. 25.—Placing an attachment on the mail wagons and horses engaged in the transportation of the U. S. mail, the firm of Fies, Peck & Carroll, horse dealers of New York City, was the cause of paralyzing the mail service here last night. The attachment was severed after 6:30 o'clock, as fast as the mail wagons drove up to the post office from the evening sections and railroad station.

E. F. Malloy, the contractor, was unable to make \$200, the amount by the claim. Later in the evening a temporary arrangement was made and the situation relieved somewhat. The temporary wagons failed to meet the post-office, however.

COUNSEL FOR DEFENSE MAKES
FIRST OPEN MOVE.
Richeson wrote the letter and handed it to his counsel, Philip H. Dunbar, who spent several hours with the clergyman at the jail.

At the close of the interview Mr. Dunbar seemed unusually well pleased. Then came a surprise when he, in company with Assistant District-Attorney M. J. Dwyer, appeared before Judge Murray in the Municipal Court at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and asked permission to have a witness present at the opening of the coffin of Avis Linnell, which had been taken from the grave at Hyannis and was then on its way to Boston.

Judge Murray was rather nonplussed by the request and withheld decision until 5 o'clock this morning.

The defense argued that as the case has practically been opened and the fact had every opportunity to examine the body prior to the arrest of Mr. Richeson, it would not be fair to have any further examinations of the body without a witness for the defendant being present.

This move is the first real sign of life the defense has shown in public. But the defense has not been idle. Robert Burns and his detectives have been busy on the case ever since last Saturday, and it is said they have unearthed a great many things that may prove of interest when the case comes up in court.

READY, THEY DECLARE, TO
MEET EVERY LEGAL POINT.

Both Mr. Richeson and his counsel are confident that they will be able to meet

WOMAN M. D. SLAIN FOR REVENGE IS POLICE THEORY

Detectives Delve Into Social
Life of Helen Knabe and
Question Her Friends.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 25.—Detectives to-day took to police headquarters for examination Augusta Knabe, cousin, and Katherine McPherson, assistant, to Dr. Helene Knabe, former State bacteriologist, who was found dead with her throat slashed in her apartment early yesterday.

Completely baffled in their efforts to secure a clue in the death mystery of Dr. Helene Knabe, and one of the best known women physicians of the Middle West, the Indianapolis police to-day worked on the theory of revenge as the only possible solution of the mystery.

Coroner Burnham to-day announced, after a complete examination that the body of the dead physician showed no evidence of criminal assault. He scouts a suicide theory, and considers that the evidence that Dr. Knabe was murdered is conclusive. None of the woman's jewels or valuables are missing, according to the police. With these theories made untenable the police to-day are seeking out the life history of the dead woman in an effort to ascertain any enemies that she may have had.

No hint of any love affair has yet been secured by the police and, so far as they have been able to find, that any man called upon her. Practically all of her male acquaintances were among the physicians of the city.

That the death wound was inflicted on the woman in her sleeping apartment by a man is, however, the belief of the police. The cartilage of the spinal column was found to be marked to-day, indicating that a powerful arm wielded the knife to her throat or it would not have penetrated so deeply.

Investigation of the private life of Dr. Knabe, occupied the detectives assigned to the mysterious case. They purported to question the dead woman's friends in the medical profession first, for it is said her acquaintanceship was almost entirely confined to persons interested in scientific subjects, in physical culture or in social hygiene.

That it should be discovered that any scandal attached to the death of Dr. Knabe would be inconsistent with her life, it was pointed out to-day. She lived alone in the comfortably furnished apartment in which she was killed because she devoted all her spare time to study and experimentation. She was a member of the Young Women's Christian Association and frequently lectured to the members and to the students of the high schools on social hygiene, attempting to impress upon them the necessity of purity in all social relations.

MAN WITH THROAT CUT FOUND HIDDEN IN FIELD.

Laborers Discover an Unidentified
Body and Police and Coroner
Investigate.

The body of an unknown man about twenty-two years old, with his throat

cut, was found to-day in the meadows between Flushing and College Point, L. I., by two Italian laborers who were cutting hay. Coroner Ambler expressed the opinion that the man had been killed within the last twenty-four hours and the body dragged back from the College Point Causeway, where, hidden by the long meadow grass, his pockets were rifled. A bunch of keys, 30 cents, a clipping from a Jewish newspaper and fragments of a sheet of writing paper were found nearby.

The dead man is 5 feet 6 inches tall, wore dark clothing, and his dark features are covered by several days' growth of beard. Detectives Kennedy, Graham and Caputo have been assigned to the case.

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